

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

COUNTY OF NEWPORT

The Board of Canvassers of the Town of Tiverton, County and State aforesaid held a Meeting at the Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Road on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Bobby J Harris-present

Member Paul Amaral-present

Alternate Jean Veegh-present

Vice Chair DeEtta Moran-present

Town Clerk-Nancy Mello-present

Clerk Jeanne Spencer-present

Chair Mr. Harris called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Review and Approve Minutes:

- Approval of February 24, 2015 Minutes
A motion was made by P. Amaral, and seconded by D. Moran to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

2. New Business

- FTR Planning – The board members discussed and reviewed the schedule for the Financial Town Referendum (FTR). Discussing various deadlines, noting the Financial Town Hearing (FTH) is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 30th. N. Mello stated that we will contact the Secretary of State's (SOS) office to let them know we are holding an FTR on Saturday, May 16th and request the election equipment and ballots be delivered. Discussion were had as to how many Eagles will be needed. N. Mello thought possibly three Eagles and one backup will be needed. Backup will be necessary since the State does not provide a technician for the day. The Public Works Department (DPW) will be needed to transport the election equipment to the High School on Friday, May 15th depending on the date the State is willing to deliver equipment to Tiverton. The Town Custodian and Maintenance personnel will be needed to stay later on Friday to help setup for the election and perhaps at least some time on Saturday. Will also need to collect signage, etc on Monday morning. Extra advertising will also need to be done noting the election will now be held on a Saturday and all polling precincts/districts will be voting in the same location (at THS). D. Moran stated we should advertise at least two times in the Sakonnet Times and not just the notices, but adding a statement. D. Moran volunteered to contact the Newport Daily News, Fall River Herald and the Sakonnet Times. N. Mello suggested that the newspapers should run the articles as it gets closer to the election or it may just be forgotten.
- FTR Custodian Cost – The board members discussed the hourly rate of the Tiverton High School's Custodian/s needed to work the FTR on Saturday, May 16th. Clerk Spencer stated she confirmed with the School Department on March 17th that being a Saturday the rate would be at time and a half. The board members were accepting of the rate; B. Harris added the Custodians have always been very helpful during the elections.

3. Board Member Items

- Clerk Spencer mentioned she had gone to a training class held at the SOS's office this past Friday with Kathy Wood where the SOS offered their services to assist with the Student Voter Drive. Towns could schedule to have the SOS staff along with Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea hold an assembly with the junior and senior class sometime in the spring or fall. The board members agreed that it would be a great idea rather than holding a drive during the students lunch time break and would be more effective with better response.
- A discussion was had regarding meals ordered for the Poll Worker, whether to have something delivered or have platters made up. The concern is that by the time the board members pick up the meals and deliver them to the polling locations the meals are no longer hot. The Poll Workers can't all have supper at the same time. It has also been a hassle taking the orders and ensuring the correct meal ends up with the right poll worker. Various restaurants within the town were suggested. J. Veegh volunteered to see what the cost would be to place an order with Tom's Market. Clerk Spencer will let the board members know how many poll workers there will be as soon as that total is determined.

There being no further business a motion was made by P. Amaral and seconded by D. Moran to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Bobby J. Harris, Chair_____ DeEtta M. Moran, Vice Chair_____

Paul Amaral, member_____ Jean M. Veegh, alternate_____

A True Copy: Attest_____ Nancy L. Mello, Town Clerk

Minutes Amended April 6, 2015